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BRAGG UNITS RECEIVE DEPLOYMENT ORDERS

FORT BRAGG, N.C.- The XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters stationed at Fort Bragg recently received deployment orders in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

The Corps Headquarters will deploy to assume the role of the Multi-National Corps – Iraq (MNC-I).

The deployment of the Corps Headquarters and some of its subordinate elements is part of a normal rotation of forces to support military operations in Iraq.

Additionally, elements of the Corps' Separate Brigades will deploy in support of the next rotation of forces to Iraq. These units include 1st Corps Support Command (COSCOM), XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, 44th Medical Command, 18th Aviation Brigade, 20th Engineer Brigade, 35th Signal Brigade, 16th Military Police Brigade, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade, and 18th Soldier Support Group.

Deployments will begin this fall and continue through early spring and will involve between 7,500 and 8,000 Soldiers from Fort Bragg. The length of the deployment is expected to last one year.

Fort Bragg and the XVIII Airborne Corps have responded to the call from the outset of the Global War on Terror.

In May 2002, the XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Units from across the Corps have deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism since 2001. The 82d Airborne Division, 10th Mountain Division and the 101st Airborne Division, have all served in both Afghanistan and Iraq. The 3rd Infantry Division led the coalition forces into Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As America's Contingency Corps, we are trained and ready to deploy on short notice as required to defend America's interests at home and worldwide.